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ANNUAL MEETING ELECTS TWO NEW OFFICERS

One newcomer was elected an officer of The Glen Park Association, while one familiar face now has new responsibilities. As no new nominees at the annual meeting, all positions were uncontested, and thus were elected by acclamation. The officers for 1990 are:

President – Marcia DeHart
Vice-President – Joan Seiwald
Corresponding Secretary – Paul Flavell
Membership Secretary – Lorraine Garrehy
Recording Secretary – Nikki Casteneda
Treasurer – Sara Glasgow

The new face is that of **Paul Flavell,** who has lived in our neighborhood for three years. Only recently had he begun attending GPA monthly meetings, and he liked what he saw. So when an empty slot appeared on the roster of officers, he volunteered to be Corresponding Secretary. Paul's background is in direct mail marketing, and he is looking forward to helping Membership Secretary **Lorraine Garrehy** and Publication Coordinator **Carol Schatzberg** streamline correspondence and mailings.

Sara Glasgow, after two years as Corresponding Secretary, agreed to run for Treasurer when the long-time office holder, **Nelson Combs,** decided not to run in 1990. Given her efficiency in her previous position, as well as a good head for figures and insistence on having the details be correct, Sara will undoubtedly prove to be the conscientious money manager we need, and a worthy successor to Nelson.

In addition, committee chairs gave reports on their accomplishments during 1989 and their plans for 1990. Those reports are summarized throughout this edition of the *News*.

THE EARTHQUAKE THAT'S COMING – ARE YOU READY?

You can be, if you attend the March 13th GPA meeting. **Ken Hoegger** of Forum Realty has put together an earthquake preparedness seminar that includes a general contractor and a representative from PG&E. They'll explain the easy-to-do things you can do to stabilize your home and help ensure your chances of survival when the really-truly-big one hits. They'll also give you the background you'll need to be able to talk with a contractor intelligently, and neither over-protect nor underprotect your particular home.

Topics covered include comparisons of recent quakes, types of buildings that are vulnerable, a seismic map review of our neighborhood, preparedness measures (including simple do-ityourself projects), and how to conduct a post-quake house inspection.

There will be ample time for your specific questions, so bring along photos of the inside and outside of your home.

This is a repeat of a program Ken put together for our neighbors in the Miraloma Park Improvement Club. It was such a success that people actually had to be turned away at the door! In talking with some who attended, they unanimously agreed it was the single most useful discussion of earthquake preparedness they had ever heard — because it was tailored especially for them. Ken promises that same personal attention will be paid to Glen Park.

Mark your calendar now for March 13th, 7:30 p.m. You may want to arrive early to assure yourself a seat. The GPA is sincerely grateful to Ken for offering this program.

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Coming Events – Mark Your Calender Now

GPA MEETINGS:

March 13 – Getting your home prepared for the earthquake that's coming.

April 10 – You and your pet: a special seminar for pet-owners and lovers in Glen Park, presented by the SPCA

May 8 – Town Meeting — Updates on the joys and problems of Glen Park — Come and speak your mind!

The GPA meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. in the Glen Park Recreation Center Auditorium, Elk and Chenery Streets. Everyone who lives or works or is just interested in our neighborhood is warmly welcomed. *The Glen Park News* is published quarterly by the Glen Park Association, P.O. Box 31292, San Francisco, CA 94131.

GLEN PARK ASSOCIATION – NOTES –

In addition to new officers (see cover article), we also have some new Committee Chairs. One is filling a long-open vacancy, the other is stepping in on one of the most urgent problem areas we have.

Grace Maynard has agreed to take on the responsibilities of Programs Chair. This means she will be setting up special events at our meetings, with speakers and other 'happenings' to meet our neighborhood's interests and needs. Grace volunteered just as we were going to press, which is why her name does not appear on the roster at left. She has some ideas of her own, but mostly, Grace says, she wants to hear from **YOU** about topics of interest, speakers — whatever. Just drop a line to the GPA post office box, and we'll be sure to pass your suggestions along.

Jeff Tannenbaum is your new Public Safety Chair. He begins work right in the thick of the battle, as those of you who watch local crime statistics well know. (Also see 'Letters'.) Jeff is an attorney specializing in labor relations, and one of his most endearing qualities (in the opinion of the GPA President) is that he does not suffer fools gladly. In other words, he is able to size up a situation quickly and accurately, find some possible solutions both for the interim and the long-term, and express them cogently. **Tiffany Farr,** President of the Glen Park Merchants Association, fills a similar role in that organization, and she has graciously been doing double duty for The GPA. That is why all of us, but especially Tiffany, are grateful to Jeff for taking on this difficult but rewarding job.

Help Wanted!

In addition to vacancies in **Fundraising, Neighborhood Improvement** and **Parking & Traffic committees,** a new and alarming hole has appeared in the GPA roster — that of Publication Designer. **Len Deneweth,** who has taken us from the dark ages of typing to the bright new era of desktop publishing, has moved from Glen Park. This is the last issue under his tenure.

We will always be grateful to Len for his patience in showing us the possibilities of computerizing this newsletter. Singlehandedly and with remarkable good humor, he overcame our initial fear of the unknown and made us comfortable with the age of high-tech. Ever a joiner, Len is now busy with responsibilities in his new neighborhood, which we grudgingly accept and under-

stand. We wish Len the very best.

But now we need a new **Publication Designer!** If you are a Mac owner with Microsoft Word and PageMaker, Len says he'll turn over all the formats and diskettes to you, so you'll have a headstart. We generally type up the articles, then **Carol Schatzberg** takes them to a scanner service, which puts all the copy on a diskette, ready to be formatted. Putting out the News takes about 7 hours, 4 times a year, Len says. It's hectic as can be, but it's only once every three months. If you'd like to be our new Designer, please call **Marcia DeHart at 586-1735 or Carol Schatzberg at 239-4553.**

ANGELS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor:

On January 17th, some time between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., my home on Sussex Street was burglarized. The irony is, the night before at the Ingleside Police Community Relations Meeting, Capt. Philpott said that while auto theft and vandalism (boostings) are up, burglary statistics are "way down".

"Our burglary detail knows when someone has been released from prison," said Capt. Philpott, "because burglaries go up again." So much for any rehabilitation in prison!

The plainclothes detail arrested a suspect the next day, someone who is a known burglar, had no reason to be in our neighborhood, and who already had a $30,000 warrant out on him.

My personal feelings of anger and frustration led me to fight back in the only way I could: by alerting my neighbors. I wrote up warnings and put them in all the mailboxes on my block. I also called the GPA Board and asked them to tell their neighbors, as well. The next day, there was an attempted burglary on Mizpah Street.

It turns out, my own coping measures were exactly the right thing to do, the police say. It is typical for a burglar to work an entire neighborhood. Each time he commits one burglary, he's looking for the next place to hit. Once he figures out that a given house likely has nobody home at a certain time of the day, he'll try it next. And so on. That is why immediately notifying

each other is so important.

I would like to propose that GPA members set up a phone tree, to spread the word quickly when something like this happens to any one of us — which, unfortunately, it probably will at some point. To start off, each of us would have three people to call. If enough people signed up, then we'd only need to call two people.

If you are interested in this as a project, please call me at the store — Tiffany's Wines & Spirits, 587-2649 — or stop by. If we at least know that the threat of a burglary is imminent, maybe we can protect ourselves a little better.

Tiffany Farr

Tiffany's got a great idea. Because of privacy restrictions, we have to limit issuing phone numbers to other people to GPA members only. This is yet another good reason to join the GPA, if you're not already a member. If for any reason you do NOT wish to be part of this phone tree, please contact Lorraine Garrehy, Membership Secretary, at 587-1619.

According to the report in the San Francisco Examiner a few weeks ago, during the same week that Tiffany and Paul were burglarized, there were burglaries or attempted burglaries at another house on Sussex Street, two on Mizpah Street, one on Arlington Street, three on Chenery Street, and one on Conrad Street. The police say it is likely that no more than two people are responsible.

Editor:

12-14-89

William Shakespeare said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them". The "Farewells" article in the Winter 1939 issue of the "Glen Park News" apparently was trying to fit me into the latter catagory. History requires that the following corrections be entered. 1. Barbara and I were only members of the Glen Park Property Owners Association during our first few years in Glen Park (and that organization's last few years of existence). 2. I was not the first president of the GPA. That position was held by Mike Isaacs, followed by Steve LaPlant, Kevin Colgate, Henry Gutman and Dale Freeman, although not necessarily in that order. I served only two and a half terms as president, preceeded by a stint on the Board as Chair of the Scouting Committee. I was an organizer and officer in the Glen Park Merchants' Association.

There! The record is straight, more or less! My message for those of you who have not yet been on the GPA Board - Do it' The friendships you will make by far more than offset the work you will do. It's a wonderful neighborhood filled with a wonderful variety of people, some of whom are sane and normal. There is no better way to get to know them.

Nelson B. Combs

cc: Marcia DeHart

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THE STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

A series of summaries on neighborhood issues from the Annual Meeting

Health & Environment

Carol Gamble reported that last fall's tree planting adorned our neighborhood with 85 new trees. Carol would like to make tree-planting an annual event in Glen Park, and will be organizing one for this fall — provided there is sufficient interest.

Also on her on-going agenda is airport noise and safety hazards and their impact on our neighborhood. One has the impression that Carol is dealing with a very tough balloon: as soon as victory is in sight in one area, the balloon develops a bulge in another area. Stay tuned for more reports. A particularly crucial meeting is coming up as we go to press; Carol will give us the details at the March meeting.

Recreation & Parks

Dawn Murayama reports that we are inching ever closer to having a natural resources inventory and master plan for Glen Canyon Park. A contractor will be chosen sometime this spring, and data gathering should begin this summer. Realistically, that is the best-case scenario.

Plans for landscaping the playground have been approved and planting should begin very soon, if it hasn't already.

Our rec leader, **Keith,** reports a new series of tennis classes beginning, for both children and adults. Stop by the rec center for details on how you can brush up your game.

Traffic & Parking

DPW now has a tentative timeline for implementation of the 2-hour D-sticker parking limit. They expect to have legislation ready for the Board of Supervisors in March. However, the Supes are working on a plan to reorganize their committee structure, so DPW is unsure of just what committee the plan will have to go to, or what the backlog at that committee will be. They suggest we plan on being extra-patient. They hope, however, that once at the Supes, the plan will be rubber-stamped through quickly, and they can begin re-posting the neighborhood in June.

Public Safety

Burglaries of homes are up, auto thefts and auto boostings (vandalism and parts stolen) are up, robberies are up. If you are blithely assuming none of the above will happen to you in Glen Park, sadly, you may be wrong.

You've been meaning to get a deadbolt put on your door. Do it. You keep meaning to clean out the garage so you can get your car off the streets at night. Do it. Finally, it's OK to be a little paranoid when you walk on the street, so do not feel guilty if you choose to cross the street when you see a suspicious person. Time and again, the experts tell us to trust our instincts. If somebody feels dangerous to you, they probably are.

Jeff Tannenbaum is also working to get McGruff House back on track, so that we can implement this needed child-safety program ASAP. The major stumbling block right now: making sure McGruff House calls have communications priority.

Zoning & Planning

Stuart Morgan reports rumors that St. John's Site and now Ray Oil Burner property will be developed, but nothing is on paper anywhere yet. There'll soon be a strategy meeting of the full committee, who'll report what they figure out in March.

Stuart also says to keep your eyes open for those boring looking little signs that get posted occasionally on telephone poles or garage doors. They are the required neighborhood notification when major construction is about to begin. If you see one, copy down the information and call Stuart. The sooner he and The GPA get involved, the more likely it is we will have a harmonious relationship with the contractor, and a positive addition to the neighborhood.

O'Shaughnessy Site

The latest word is that the Planning Department advised the developer, **Mr. Tony Sheehan,** that they would require an environmental impact report on the site before ruling on it. The letter to Mr. Sheehan noted reports of endangered plants on the site, as well as concerns about potential downslope problems. Though this is good news, it ain't over til it's over.

Glen Park News Status

The Glen Park News experienced some positive changes in 1989. **Len Deneweth** ushered us into the '90s using a MacIntosh computer and his graphic design skills to do layout and ad copy with ease.

Nelson Combs began to ease the process for placement orders and billing of display ads, both for us and for our wonderful advertisers.

Marcia DeHart's concise writing, tight editing and fasterthan-the-speed-of-light typing has become a mainstay of the *News*.

And thanks to Nelson and Marcia, our collections of ad revenue s is up and our printing costs are down. This is important to all of us in the GPA, because it frees up money for other projects.

Val Matthews of Penrose Properties volunteered her leaf-letting crew to distribute the News door-to-door throughout the neighborhood. As we go to press, we are not sure whether this will continue, but we are very grateful to Val for having undertaken this monumental task for as long as she has.

The *News* can always use assistance, particularly in finding new advertisers, articles, technical skills (editing, graphics, computer know-how, etc.) so we can continue to keep you informed about the past, present and future of Glen Park, our very special 'urban village' within our very special San Francisco.

CHECK IT OUT! News from Glen Park Branch Library

Glen Park Branch Librarian **Martin Magid** reports the Main Library re-opened for business in mid-January, restoring all of the SFPL staff and systems to a more normal state. Meanwhile, plans for the new Main proceed and ground-breaking should take place in 1990, with doors opening in 1995.

Threatening noises are once again circulating about the Library's FY 90-91 budget, and both **Mayor Art Agnos** and the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee (**Nancy Walker, Chair**) should be informed of the importance of this branch to the people of Glen Park. Crank up your typewriters, and be ready to unleash a series of letters!

Closer to home, **ABRACADADA Rubber Stamp Company** will present a program for children (happily, of all ages) at the Glen Park Branch on Thursday, April 12th (during school vacation) at 3:30 p.m. Given that space is limited in our little branch, be early. Extremely short people (those under age 8) will be allowed up front.

Many new titles are coming in to our Branch this month and next, so be sure to stop by. Remember, we have to keep our circulation numbers high to ensure we have a branch library in the future. Isn't it wonderful that doing one's civic duty is such a pleasure?

Council of Neighborhood Library News

Carol Steiman, our delegate to the Council, reports that slowly but surely the City is figuring out just what a powerful group branch library patrons can be, particularly when it comes to lobbying. This power was demonstrated last year during the budget-making process, when the City attempted to cut book-buying funds by $250,000. Virtually all of that was restored, because of major arm-twisting carried out by Council members. This year, they relearned the lesson when attempts to close the Presidio Branch Library (under the guise of earthquake storage needs) was met by a barrage of outcry, coordinated by the Council.

Gradually, Library administration is also figuring out that the Council need not be regarded as the enemy. Not only are they useful as lobbyists, they genuinely care about libraries. It's just that the Council brings a consumer's perspective to library issues, and that's something new to the service providers.

This year, the Council will focus on preserving the library's budget, particularly basic items like books, and on nudging administration to be more consumer-oriented. In other words, more evening hours, more programs, more books that people want. The GPA is indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and articulate champion for our branch in Carol Steiman. She's a scrapper!

It's also worth noting that the Council came into being after a suggestion by The GPA. Following the Great Library Fight of 1988 when we came within a hair's breadth of losing our branch entirely, The GPA suggested to Mayor Agnos that since we in the neighborhoods had become essentially instant experts on the subject of library financing, it would be a shame to let all that knowledge go to waste. Why not, therefore, set up a forum where neighborhood library users could maintain a dialogue with library administration, to our mutual benefit. Mayor Agnos agreed, contacted City Librarian Ken DowLin, and the Council of Neighborhood Libraries came into being. We can all be proud.

The State of the Slate Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

by Jay Estey

The latter half of 1989 and the first months of this year have been characterized by internal dialogue at assembly meetings, which hopefully will result in a period of renewed growth for the Coalition. Disagreements over the present style of leadership have caused some dissension, the resolution of which is pending as of this writing. A number of organizations have expressed disappointment that the major issues which currently confront our city are not being addressed in a timely manner by the Coalition. Concerns have been voiced over what is perceived to be a continuing struggle to determine whose interpretation of parliamentary procedure will be deemed appropriate.

It's my feeling that the apparent leadership vacuum of the last few months will ultimately draw out some of the untapped resources of the Coalition. Elections are scheduled for May, and the nominating committee will be selected at the next monthly meeting. The assembly will be much less likely to sit by and watch as another potentially divided Executive Committee is created. We have been informed in these last months, and hopefully we can emerge with more strength and enthusiasm to direct at the major issues confronting our neighborhoods.

SCOUTING NEWS

Boy Scouts of America Troop 114 completed another successful year of scouting in the Glen Park community. Emphasizing advancement, uniforming and scouting principles along with an expanded program advance the unit's effectiveness. The Golden Gate District Camporee, Troop Court of Honor, Great America, Raging Waters and the Winte Summer Camp experiences all marked an increasingly full calendar.

As 1990 sets in, Troop 114 looks forward to even further achievements. A new National BSA program will allow incorporation of advanced scouting activities and rank requirements which better reflect an individual scout's ability.

There are now 35 boys in Pack 114 cubs, and 16 young men in the BSA Troop. In addition, more parents than ever are helping out as leaders and mentors. GPA is proud to be the sponsor for Troop and Pack 114. Troop 114 meets every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Glen Park Recreation Center Auditorium. People who live in Glen Park are always welcome to attend, but be warned! Their enthusiasm and spirit may get you hooked on being a leader yourself!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTED!

A Youth Court specially designed for San Francisco's southern neighborhoods will hold its first proceedings on April 19, 1990. Young people who live within Ingleside Police District, or who attend Balboa High School, are invited to sign up as jurors, attorneys, clerks and probation officers. Applications and parental consent forms are available fro~ **Dean Faye Vickroy** at Balboa High School, from San Francisco SAFE (the neighborhood watch people), or by calling GPA President **Marcia DeHart at 586-1735.**

Training for all participants begins on March 15th, with a mock court presented by students from Richmond District's Youth Court, whose outstanding diversion program (only a 4% recidivism rate) is celebrating its one-year anniversary. All student staffers receive specific training in their chosen areas. When the real court convenes in April, each one will know his/her job and be able to handle it effectively.

Youth Court is not all work. Participants enjoy pizzas and sodas after training sessions, plus special events are arranged throughout the year. But most young people report their satisfaction comes from knowing they are helping each other and making a real difference in their communities.

The Southern Neighborhoods Youth Court is a cooperative effort of the Police Department, San Francisco SAFE, Balboa High School and the people of Ingleside police district. Jointly initiated by The GPA and SNIG (Southwest Neighborhood Improvement Group), it is modeled after Richmond's program, but with its own innovations. The southern Youth Court, for example, will have a student-run probation department to monitor sentencing, as well as provide peer counseling for defendants. Local attorneys are serving as mentors for student attorneys, giving one-on-one help in preparing cases. And extra police screening procedures are being instituted to avoid having a gang member or affiliate appear before the court.

Because of the ethnic, racial and economic diversity of Ingleside police district when compared to Richmond, all eyes are watching to see whether the program can work as effectively here as it has there. The Advisory Board for the southern court, composed of representatives from all parties, has been working six months on the unique problems presented, and they have high hopes that this Youth Court will be a model for the entire City.

SHRINK YOUR PETS!

At the April GPA meeting, a representative from San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be on hand to tell you about their many good works on behalf of our furry, finned and feathered friends. You will be surprised at the number of programs the SPCA has going — from legislation on animal rights, to visiting pet programs for nursing homes.

Though the name of the speaker was not available at press time (the SPCA has great depth in the speaker department!), a major portion of the evening will be open for questions about pet behavior.

Does your dog bark incessantly? Have an annoying way of expressing his affection? Does your cat chase creatures you can't see? Whatever the issue, the SPCA rep can give you some insight, along with specific ideas on behavior modification plans.

This is going to be a fun evening!

RECYCLING IS COMING! RECYCLING IS COMING!

This April, curbside recycling will come to Glen Park. At the March 13th meeting, a representative from the program will be on hand to answer any question you have.

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